



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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Homeland Security Regional Grant Workshops Announced

SEMA will conduct a series of 2-hour regional Homeland Security Grant workshops for each grant manager and fiscal officer. The information is on the SEMA homepage: www.sema.dps.mo.gov click on the homeland security link. The workshop will focus on the procedures required for grant reimbursements. The eight workshops are:

Area A: 10 a.m., September 23 at the **Warrensburg** Comfort Inn, 609 E. Russell.

Area B: 9 a.m., September 22 at the **Macon** Comfort Inn, 1821 N. Missouri St.

Area C: 9 a.m., September 22 at the **Washington** Fire Training Facility, 200 E. 14th St.

Area D: 9 a.m., September 21 at the **Springfield** Quality Inn, 3370 E. Battlefield Rd.

Area E: 2 p.m., September 21 at the **Jackson** Court House, City Council Chamber, 101 Court St.

Area G: 1 p.m., September 20 at the **West Plains** City Civic Center Walnut Room, 110 St. Louis St.

Area H: 1 p.m., September 21 at the **Cameron** Public Safety Building, 1010 West 2nd St.

Note: Area F & I: has already been conducted.

Citizen Corp grant information will not be covered in these meetings.

SEMA Area A Coordinator Vacancy

The Area A Coordinator position will be temporarily vacant until the position is filled. In the meantime if you need assistance, please contact the SEMA office in Jefferson City. During normal business hours please contact SEMA's Planning and Disaster Recovery Branch at 573-526-9122. After business hours in the event of an emergency, call the SEMA Duty Officer at 573-751-2748.

Missourians Respond for Hurricanes Response, Recovery Efforts

In mid-August, Florida sent an EMAC request asking for SEMA's Volunteer Coordinator, Dante Gliniecki to set up a donations management system following Hurricane Charlie relief efforts.

FEMA Region V sent out emails to all nationally registered Citizen Corps Councils requesting at least 1000 volunteers to help with immediate Hurricane Frances efforts in Florida. The email was sent out over Labor Day weekend. **Missouri sent 220 Citizen Corps members.**

On September 11, the Missouri National Guard activated and deployed 31 Guardsman to Tallahassee, Florida for Hurricane Frances and Ivan response. Florida asked for communications equipments and the specialists to operate the equipment. On September 14, FEMA activated and deployed MO-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) to Alabama in response and preparing for the arrival of Hurricane Ivan.

Numerous Missourians are volunteering in Florida through the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Baptist Convention (mass feeding and chain saw), AmeriCorps, and many other faith-based disaster response organizations.

Note: Upcoming Conferences Dates!

Oct. 30-31: Missouri Conference on Homeland Security "Coming Together in Crisis Situations" presented by the University of Missouri Fire & Rescue Training presents, in cooperation with Office of Homeland Security/SEMA. **MEPA (Missouri Emergency Preparedness Assn) FALL meeting** is in conjunction with the Missouri Conference on Homeland Security.

Feb. 11-12, 2005: Crisis Communications Conference.

March 27-30, 2005: SEMA/MEPA Spring Conference.

May 2005: Missouri Assn of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers Conference.

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 14, 15)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced 33 Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter assistance grants.

Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Cosby Lions Fire Assn (\$134,550); Halfway VFD (\$47,700); Lowndes VFD (\$72,000); Northwest FPD (Silex) (\$134,980); Wellington-Napoleon FPD (\$162,000).

Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Bradleyville RVFD (\$86,390); Cedarcreek VFP (\$48,600); Columbia FD (\$95,508); Crocker FPD (\$20,989); FF-14/FF-17 VFD in Edwards (\$30,294); Elsberry FPD (\$55,566); Ewing-Maywood R-4 FPD (\$82,178); Gallatin FPD (\$73,675); Goodman FD (\$82,602); Green Castle Community FD (\$11,880); Grundy County RFPD (\$80,325); Hale FPD (\$43,875); Ironton FD (\$65,062); Jennings FD (\$32,400); Lilbourn VFD (\$7,106); Marshall FD (\$45,143); Meta Fire & Rescue FPD (\$59,940); Palmyra Fire & Rescue (\$63,000); Plato RFPD (\$45,000); Pleasant View FPD (Springfield) (\$35,280); Sleeper VFD (\$15,930); Stafford FPD (\$28,699); Vichy VFDP (\$73,305); Washington FD (\$217,575); Wentzville FPD (\$61,155); Wheaton FD (\$10,220); Whitewater FPD (\$87,930).

Departments receiving grants for Fire Prevention are: High Ridge FPD (\$54,000).

Winter, Spring Awareness Dates Set

Missouri Winter Weather Awareness Day 2004: November 17.

Missouri Severe Weather Awareness Week 2005: March 14 - 18, 2005. The 31st Annual Statewide Severe Weather Drill, 130 pm. Tuesday, March 15, 2005

Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Application Period Sept 1-30, 2004

The Fire Prevention & Safety grant assists State, regional, national or local organizations to address fire prevention and safety. The goal is to reach high-risk target groups including children, seniors and firefighters. Under our authorizing statute the emphasis for these grants is the prevention of fire related injuries to children. Electronic grant application period is Sept 1-30, 2004. The email address is: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com>

Fire departments that received or applied for training, equipment, vehicles, etc. under the FY 2004 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program are eligible to apply for the fire prevention grants in this application period. However, funding to any organization is limited to a \$750,000 Federal share per program year. If a fire department received funding through the FY 2004 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, the total of that award plus the FY 2004 Fire Prevention grant cannot exceed \$750,000.

Missouri Communities Receive Homeland Security Port Grants

The Department of Homeland Security announced port enhancement grants for SEMO Regional Port Authority Consortium (New Madrid, Hayti/Caruthersville, Cape Girardeau) for \$346,475 and J. D. Streett & Co in St. Louis for \$22,313. The Port grants are designated to improve dockside and perimeter security with upgrades such as surveillance equipment, access controls to restricted areas, communications equipment or construction of command and control facilities.

The grants will be used for fencing and security lighting. The SEMO Port (Scott City) and its subsidiary the SEMO Port Railroad will share \$118,180. The New Madrid Port will receive \$168,180; and the Pemiscot Port will receive \$60,000.

Fairdealing Bus Company Receives HS Transportation Grant

A Fairdealing (Butler County) long distance bus transportation business has been awarded two Homeland Security Secure Bus Travel grants. The grants provide vehicle and facility enhancements as well as security equipment for over the road buses. Three Rivers Travel bus company received a \$31,350 vehicle security enhancement grant to purchase driver shields and an \$8,112 monitoring, tracking and communication grant to purchase GPS systems for buses.

RESOURCES: To Support Preparedness in America's Schools

PLEASE NOTE: This is a PUBLIC discussion list; information shared on this list is NOT secure. There are superb resources available to support preparedness in America's schools through the U.S. Department of Education at the following link: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html>.